GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOBACCO LEGISLATION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban on use of tobacco and tobacco products through legislation;

(b) if so, whether his ministry has chalked out any plan for the fate of 11.2 million work force engaged in the production and trade of tobacco products;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated number of workers likely to be deprived of this employment after passing of Anti-Tobacco Bill; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the workers engaged in the beedi industry and tobacco products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): The Government propose to prohibit advertisement of tobacco products and their sale to minors, near specified premises and smoking in public places through the `Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibitionof Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill. There is no proposalto impose any ban o n the production and consumption of tobacco products.